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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for providing network security, comprising the steps of:

receiving a plurality of network protocol packets, wherein a network protocol packet includes a network protocol header and a plurality of network protocol data, and wherein the network protocol data include a first cryptographic protocol header and a first plurality of encrypted data, at least a portion of at least some of the network protocol packets being configured in accordance with a transport layer protocol or a network layer protocol;

determining a first plurality of cryptographic protocol rules associated with the network protocol data;

establishing a cryptographic session, if required by said first cryptographic rules; applying the first plurality of cryptographic protocol rules to the first encrypted data to obtain a first plurality of cleartext data;

translating the first plurality of cleartext data into a second plurality of cleartext data in accordance with at least one translation rule; and

encrypting the second plurality of cleartext data in accordance with at least one rule associated with a second cryptographic protocol, resulting in a second plurality of encrypted data.

2. (Previously Presented) A system for providing network security, comprising: an input module for receiving a plurality of network protocol packets, at least a portion of at least some of the network protocol packets being configured in accordance with a transport layer protocol or a network layer protocol;

a translation module for translating a first plurality of data into a second plurality of data;

an output module; and

a cryptographic module responsive to the input module and the output module for performing cryptographic operations.

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3. (Currently Amended) A system for providing network security, comprising; means for receiving a request to perform a cryptographic operation; means for returning a response to the cryptographic operation request; means for translating a first plurality of cleartext data into a second plurality of cleartext data in accordance with at least one translation rule; and

at least one module for performing said cryptographic operations, said cryptographic operations including obtaining the first plurality of cleartext data based upon a first plurality of encrypted data, and encrypting the second plurality of cleartext data to obtain a second plurality of encrypted data, and wherein said cryptographic operations are performed using cryptographic acceleration hardware.

- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one translation rule is predetermined.
- 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one translation rule is determined dynamically.
- 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first cryptographic protocol is WTLS.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first plurality of encrypted data is associated with WML.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein second plurality of encrypted data is associated with HTML.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the second cryptographic protocol is SSL over HTTP.

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- 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first cryptographic protocol and the second cryptographic protocol are identical.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first plurality of encrypted data and the second plurality of encrypted data conform to different revisions of a specification for the same cryptographic protocol.
- 12. (Original) The system of claim 3, wherein at least one cryptographic module is a cryptographically strong pseudorandom number generator.
 - 13. (Cancelled)
- 14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim—13_3, wherein the cryptographic acceleration hardware includes a plurality of individual hardware acceleration units.
- 15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein at least one individual hardware acceleration unit is dedicated to one function.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim—13_3, wherein the cryptographic acceleration hardware is updateable by loading at least one cryptographically signed instruction.
- 17. (Currently Amended) The system of claim—13_3, wherein the cryptographic acceleration hardware is tamper-resistant.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim—13_3, wherein the cryptographic acceleration hardware is tamper-evident.